in the 'Times of India' of 4th January, 1986 under the caption 'terrorist gang busted' to the effect that an American couple was also a member of the gang; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to nab the foreign terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Government of Bihar has informed that no such gang has been busted. The news item has no factual basis.

Request by India for a compromise in Sri Lanka

1779. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had urged the Sri Lankan Government on the 31st December, 1985 through its High Commissioner in that country to offer a more meaningful compromise which should be responsive to Sri Lankan Tamils' aspirations and had also conveyed its anxiety over reports of violence affecting the civilian population in the Island;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Sri Lankan Government; and

(c) whether in spite of India's repeated requests to the Sri Lankan Government, the civilian population there is being brutely treated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Sri Lankan Government conveyed that discussions in regard to a political solution should be continued.

(c) Yes Sir.

Setting up of an atomic energy centre in Kerala

1780. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an atomic energy centre in Kerala so as to meet the lasting shortage of hydro- electric power in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMNT, ATOMIS ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Sites in Kerala, which from part of the Southern Electricity Region, have been assessed by the Site Selection Committee for setting up nuclear power stations. Its report is under consideration of the Government.

C.I.A. Agents in Acharya Rajnesh Entourage

1781. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Bhagwan Rajneesh entourage" which came from America contained any American C.I.A. agents or any spies for foreign country; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) There is no information to indicate that there were C.I.A. agents

or spies for foregn countries in the "Bhagwan Rajneesh entrourage" which recently came from the U.S.A Shri Rajneesh arrived in Delhi on November 17, 1985 and left the country on January 3, 1986.

Functioning of friendship societies

1782. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a survey of freindship societies operating in India as lobbies of foreign countries and their embassies and to find out participation of senior Government officers there, particulary in the context of spying cases; and

(b) how many such societies are functioning in India and how many are obtaining free tickets and hospitalities for reciprocal hospitalities in foregn countries, whether Government demand a report from them about their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No, Sir. However, action under law is taken against any individual or organisations which is found indulging in activities prejudicial to national security.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1783. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1986].

Anti-Riot Police Battalions

1784. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many anti-riot police battalions have been raised till December, 1985;

(b) whether these battalions have been sent to States where riots occurred recently;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures have been taken to ensure the adequate recruitment of minorities and weaker sections in the anti-riot battalions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Six battalions of the CRPF were raised to function as Special Peace Keeping Force for deployment.

(b) These battalions were deployed in Andhra Pradesh, Harayana, Punjab, Tripura, Assam, Mizoram, Delhi, Gujarat and Chandigarh during the period from January 1985 to February 1986.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The recruitment of personnel to these battalions is made in accordance with the recruitment rules and it is ensured that these battalions represent the cross-sections of the society.

Drug flow across the Indo-Pak Border

1785. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is substantial increase in the flow of drugs into the country from across the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, what is the quantity with value of the narcotics seized at the Indo-Pak border at the end of 1985 and how does it compare with the figures at the end of 1984; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the existing measures to prevent smuggling of drugs into the country, if so, what steps have been taken by Government to plug the loopholes, and to sterngthene the measures to check the illegal trade of narcotics?